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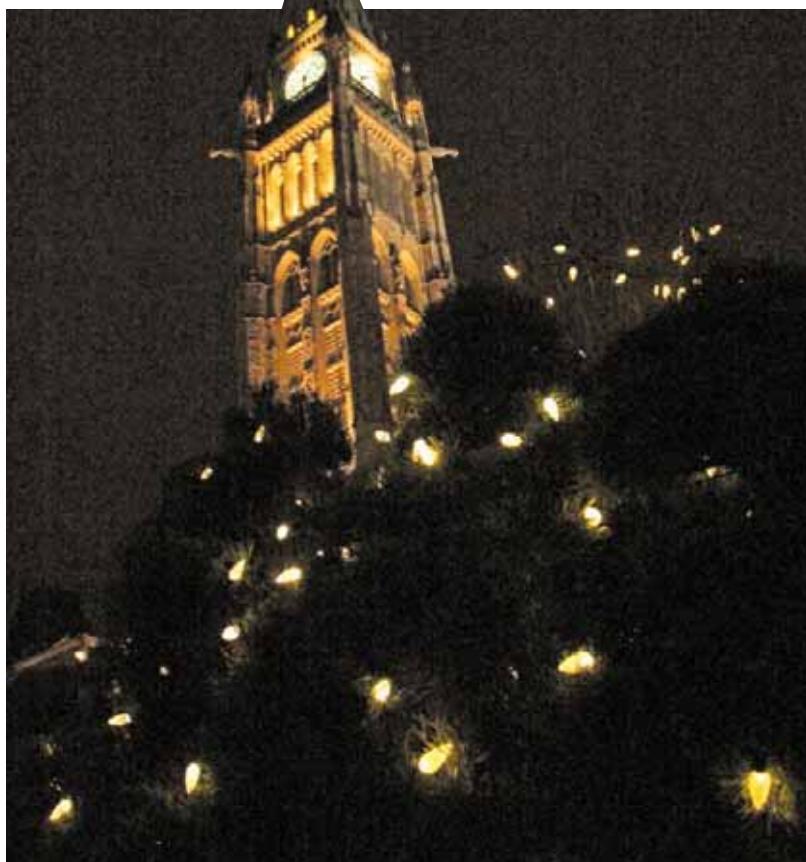
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The Peace Tower appears to grow out of a swarm of lights as the National Capital Commission tests some 15,000 LED Christmas lights on Parliament Hill Thursday. Festive lights around the city will light up the night starting Dec. 6. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Rogue hires cost city \$58M

Funding. Municipal manager says half of temporary positions paid for by the federal government, province

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Unspent money from authorized budgets went to the unauthorized hiring of over 600 temporary employees at the City of Ottawa.

The revelation that 684 temporary employees were hired by bureaucrats without council's approval was one of many in a wide-ranging report tabled with the city s

audit subcommittee Thursday by municipal auditor general Alain Lalonde.

"Based on the analysis done at the time of the audit, as at June 30, 2011, the City had an additional 1,065 unbudgeted (full time equivalent) positions of which 684 were filled," the report reads.

Lalonde's office also found the city's senior management failed to report 24 positions that had been vacant for two years, as they're required to by a 2010 council motion. Based on the average city employee salary of \$85,000, that represents a potential savings of \$1.8 million.

A further 123 full time equivalent positions had been vacant for more than two years.

Lalonde told reporters it was a matter of ensuring

council has accurate information when it comes to staffing levels.

"Basically you have \$58 million worth of salary that was not approved for salary purposes," Lalonde said. "(The money) might be approved as part of your general budget, but not for salary."

City manager Kent Kirkpatrick disagreed with Lalonde's findings, saying managers have been delegated authority to spend their funding envelope. Kirkpatrick also said that about half of the unbudgeted positions were paid for by other levels of government.

Out of 121 recommendations in Lalonde's report, city management only disagreed with two on these unbudgeted positions.

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YouTube plea answered

Ottawa woman's YouTube campaign drew attention to businessman arrested and charged with fraud in alleged modelling scam [PAGES 6-7](#)

Photograph goes viral

Snapshot of New York City police officer giving new boots to a barefoot homeless man in Times Square has created an online sensation [PAGE 12](#)

Palestinians celebrate

The United Nations vote overwhelmingly to recognize a Palestinian state, as Canada votes against the bid and vows to retaliate [PAGE 10](#)



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OC Transpo scheduling less efficient, more expensive: AG

Scathing auditor general's report. Only seven of 55 routes audited had timely cancellation notices

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A new scheduling system won through arbitration has not resulted in the anticipated savings for OC Transpo.

In a report tabled with the audit subcommittee Thursday, auditor general Alain Lalonde said savings from management control of bus-operator scheduling has not resulted in the savings of \$3.1 million to \$4.5 million that was expected after the transit strike.

"We found ongoing systemic inefficiencies associated with the bus operator scheduling process at OC

Transpo," the report reads, referring to declining productivity from 2000 to 2009.

"The 2010 post-strike arbitration award will not reverse this eroding productivity trend."

OC Transpo general manager John Manconi said a joint committee on scheduling has been set up with the union, and the preliminary results have been positive. Manconi said several times he intends to look forward, not back.

The audit also found problems with OC Transpo's trip cancellation notices. The system is inconsistent in text alert or email notifications for cancelled routes, with only seven out of 55 routes studied issuing accurate and timely notifications. The system is also not fully automated, requiring an employee to initiate the notifications.

Manconi chalked the trouble up to a glitch but did not have details.



City of Ottawa auditor general Alain Lalonde, centre. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

Public relations. Communications breakdown at Ottawa City Hall

The city's public relations wing lacks a clearly articulated mandate and has lost the confidence of departments, according to the municipal auditor general.

Due to this lack of confidence, departments have given their own employees a communications role rather than go through the \$4.2 million Corporate Communications department, according to Alain Lalonde.

"Largely because of this lack of confidence and satisfaction with (Corporate Communications) services, many

departments/programs and Councillors have put in place their own communications resources," reads Lalonde's report, tabled Thursday afternoon.

About 20 people across municipal departments have been tapped to do communications work outside the PR department, with 11 employees focusing on communications issues exclusively.

The report notes that the department has gone through a number of changes since its inception in 2001, and a new director has

By the numbers

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recently been hired.

City manager Kent Kirkpatrick said a number of recommendations have already been implemented.

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Competitive tender. City could save \$800k per year on procurement

Auditor general Alain Lalonde says the city could save up to \$800,000 annually by tweaking its procurement practices.

In a report tabled on Thursday, Lalonde suggested instituting a competitive-tender process for snow removal and changing specifications for some of the vehicles it purchases.

Currently, the city negotiates price on snow-removal haulage with the Greater Ottawa Truckers Association, paying \$87.90 per hour for the

service. Another municipality contracted by Lalonde's office charges \$72.82 per hour.

The estimated annual budget for snow removal and haulage requirements is \$4 million. The audit recommends opening up the process to a more competitive process.

Lalonde said the city could also save money by purchasing entry-level vehicles, rather than high-end vehicles with an expected increase in resale value.

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Nix the hottest Christmas toys? Parenting expert says memories trump gifts

Forget breaking your back to get the hottest toy for your child at Christmas, it's the memories that count, says parenting expert Judy Arnall as she works to help parents cope with the holidays.

"Parents are so focused on getting toys, getting the shopping done, they don't know what kids really want are not material things," Arnall said ahead of an online video webinar she'll host on Dec. 6 called Unplug Christmas Inc.

"The three things children want most for the holidays are unstructured time to play, time with family, rituals and routines," she said. "Year to year, kids don't remember what they got, but if you ask them for a special memory, they will have one."

Baking with children is one of the best ways to build memories and rituals that last, she said. "You get to spend time together, you teach them the charity and generosity of the season if you bake for your letter carrier. Kids love to give cookies away."

The author of parenting book Discipline Without Distress, Arnall said focusing less

Quoted

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Judy Arnall

on material goods will help parents reduce their stress level at the time of year it's most certain to rise. "Parents can get into a lot of power struggles. The routines are shot. Kids have too much sugar, they don't get enough sleep, bedtimes are out of whack and often they have meltdowns."

During the webinar, Arnall will guide parents through the trouble zones and arm them with the tools to tackle the season. "You have to mix quiet days with busy days. With older kids, coach them about how to act while visiting relatives," she said. "Tell them what to do when you get a gift that you don't like or if your cousins are bossy."

GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Ice, ice, baby! Skating sport's mojo rises

Crashed Ice. The adrenaline-heavy sport is increasingly competitive, versatile and its popularity has surged



JOHN
MATISZ
Metro in London

The current edition of the Red Bull Crashed Ice downhill skating tour is most certainly not your older brother's Crashed Ice.

The adrenaline-junkie sport has grown by leaps and bounds since its inception back in 2001. The quality of competition has risen, appeal increased, versatility heightened and safety tightened.

"It's like a snowball you're pushing down a hill," said Chris Papillon, sports director for Crashed Ice. "If you do it properly, it'll grow in the right way."

This Thursday through Sat-

urday, Niagara Falls, Ont., is playing host to the first stop in a five-city tour. The circuit concludes in the sport's Mecca, Quebec City, Que., on March 16, after visits to Minnesota, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

To truly understand the explosion of the sport, and in turn its energy-drink-company-fuelled tour, all you have to do is try out its interactive video game on Xbox 360's Kinect console.

Yes, Crashed Ice has a video game; it was released on Thursday.

"From a sport perspective, you can see that it's growing, developing," Papillon said. "Year after year, every rider is getting prepared (more and more). Now, we have real athletes. Before, it was just a bunch of guys in good shape."

Those athletes come from various sporting backgrounds. There's hockey players, speed skaters, track-and-field runners and plenty of extreme-sports enthusiasts in attendance at the Niagara Falls event.



At the Red Bull Crashed Ice event currently taking place in Niagara Falls, Ont., an eager competitor catapults off the first hump on the 460-metre ice course in front of Skylon Tower on Thursday evening. JOHN MATISZ/METRO IN LONDON

Nuts and bolts

- First-ever race: 2001 in Stockholm, Sweden
- Countries who have hosted a race: Eight
- Size of track: 460 metres long, 4.5 metres wide
- Typical speeds racers hit: 50 km/h or faster
- J.P. Stollar: First in Toronto regional with time of 22.080
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Fashion crime takes on new

Alleged modelling scam. Mississauga businessman arrested after Ottawa woman mounts YouTube campaign

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A Mississauga businessman accused of luring actors and models into fake TV contracts and then vanishing after charging them a fee has been arrested. An Ottawa woman's campaign to bring the matter to light may have played a part in the investigation.

Toronto police say Saroor Hassan Zaidi, 36, turned himself in to police in Mississauga last Thursday. He faces 13 counts of fraud under \$5,000 and two counts of fraud over \$5,000. In an email to Metro on July 18, Zaidi denied any part in the alleged scam and any connection with Casting Toronto, one of the firms police say was involved.

The 15 victims believed to have been burned in the al-

Elusive trail

Who is Mike Hertzberg?

Assma Galuta and four other women say they met either a Mike Hertz or Mike Hertzberg in Mississauga in May at Casting Toronto at unit 211 at 168 Queen St. S.

Property manager Anh Tran said in August that a man named Hassan Zaidi leased unit 211 on Sept. 15, 2011. Tran said Zaidi also went by the first name "Uzi."

The email address Zaidi used to communicate with Tran is the same one used to send an email to Metro on

July 18 denying the allegations. That email was signed "Uzi Zaidi." In the email, Zaidi identified Century Models and other businesses as his agencies.

Century Models is on the Ministry of Consumer Services' "Consumer Beware" list. The ministry says Saroor Hassan Zaidi is involved in the agency and faces a slew of industry charges.

All five women who spoke to Metro identified a photo of a man in the Facebook profile for "Uzi Zaidi" as the man they met in unit 211 who asked for their money.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

leged scam reported a total loss of \$43,364, police said on Thursday.

Assma Galuta of Ottawa has been raising alarm bells about the matter for months. The 22-year-old model told Metro in July that she went to an office in unit 211 at 168 Queen St. S. in Mississauga after responding to an online ad for a Cadbury commercial audition.

She was contacted by a firm

called Casting Toronto and, on May 15, met a man who went by the name of Mike Hertzberg. That is one of the aliases police say was used by Zaidi.

His office looked like the real deal, Galuta said. "He had pictures up of all these random models, a camera in a room, he had music playing," she said.

After she auditioned, she was told she had the part. But she grew suspicious when he

asked her to pay about \$4,000 upfront for a permit from the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA), which he told her was needed because the commercial shoot was in New York. SAG-AFTRA says no such permit exists.

Galuta says she did not pay and took a bus back to Ottawa.

Galuta says she contacted Toronto police and the Ministry of Consumer Services. Then she posted a nearly seven-minute video on YouTube on June 20 warning people about the agency.

Messages started rolling in from other actresses who explained how they had paid him money and found themselves without work, Galuta claims.

The video was yanked from YouTube around July 20. According to a note on YouTube, the removal was due to a defamation complaint. YouTube did not disclose who made the complaint.

Galuta says while she is glad Zaidi is behind bars, at least until his Dec. 12 bail hearing, she feels bad for the other alleged victims. "I feel relieved because now it's like he can't go after any more girls out there or try to scam them."



Assma Galuta, 22, of Ottawa, uploaded a YouTube video to warn other actresses about a 15 counts of fraud. JOE LOFARO/METRO

'This was supposed to be a good thing and it wasn't'

Four women spoke to Metro alleging they were victims. At publication time, Metro had been able to confirm only one woman (identified as S.W.) was included in the charges against Zaidi.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Jacqueline Peter, 21
Actress
London, Ont.

- Responded to audition ad on Kijiji.
- Auditioned for cop role on May 29 for a TV series with the working title "Universe Bible."
- Said she signed a contract.
- Money paid: \$2,550 US in cash for SAG-AFTRA permit.
- Compensation promised: \$8,200 for the character of the cop. Royalties of \$1,300 a month.
- Has not seen or heard from Mike Hertz since June 1.

Comment: "It makes me sad for humanity. That sounds dramatic, but ... there are actually people out there who are bad people. That's horrible and it makes me sick," S.W. said in July.

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commercial for The Source in the U.S.

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- Compensation promised: \$8,200 for the role and \$1,300 a month in royalties for a year.
- Money paid: \$1,182 for SAG-AFTRA permit and \$1,600 for private acting lessons. Both payments made in cash to Hertz.
- Never heard from him after money paid.

Comment: "I'd love to get my money back. I'm a single mother on a fixed income and this has just created hardship," R.Z. said in August.

R.S.
Mother of alleged victim
who asked for anonymity
Richmond Hill, Ont.

- Responded to audition ad posted online.
- Took 26-year-old son to audition with Mike Hertzberg on May 28 for an unknown role.
- Money paid: \$2,550 in cash for SAG-AFTRA permit.

Comment: "This was supposed to be a good thing and it wasn't," R.S. said in August.

"How does he sleep at night? But then, when you don't have a conscience, you can sleep." JOE LOFARO/METRO

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'No connections' with Casting Toronto

Zaidi denies allegations

Metro sent a private Facebook message to Uzi Zaidi on July 17 to request an interview, as well as an email to one of his business associates to inquire about Zaidi's experience in the fashion industry.

The following day, July 18, Zaidi sent an email to Metro in which he denied knowing Galuta and said he has "no connections" with Casting Toronto.

"Kindly refrain from publishing any such article without any proof whatsoever, which shall lead to overruling me and my associate's sanctity and shall act as a law suit if such an article is published," Zaidi wrote in the email.

On Aug. 28, Metro reached Zaidi by calling a phone number in Pakistan via Skype.

He said, "I have no comments," when asked about



A Facebook photo of Uzi Zaidi, whom police allege is Saroor Hassan Zaidi. FACEBOOK

the July 18 email. A subsequent question was posed in regards to his experience in the fashion industry and his agency, Century Models.

"My experience in the fashion industry has been great. I had a great time over there, but I'm no longer part of it as we speak," he said.

When asked a followup question, Zaidi hung up.

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Zaidi under government's watch?

In April 2011, the Ministry of Consumer Services laid seven charges under the Consumer Protection Act against Century Models & Talent Agency, Saroor Hassan Zaidi and two other persons.

The Crown later withdrew the charges against all parties except for Saroor Hassan Zaidi. His charges — improper contract, failure to provide a refund, and unfair business practice — are currently before the court.

The industry responds

SAG-AFTRA permit? No such thing, says ACTRA spokesman

Karl Pruner, spokesman for the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA), based in Toronto, told Metro in July that he has

heard of contract disputes involving Casting Toronto and a man known as Mike Hertz or Mike Hertzberg.

"As far as I can tell, he's just using union names to give some kind of plausibility and legitimacy to his activities and he names a vast royalty sum so he can take a commission from it and walk away with cash upfront," Pruner said.

"It would be laughable

if it weren't for the fact that innocent people are actually allowing themselves to be misled."

On Sept. 25, ACTRA and SAG-AFTRA released a joint statement:

"SAG-AFTRA does not and the former Screen Actors Guild did not issue any type of employment 'permits.' The only thing SAG-AFTRA offers is membership in the union to those performers who qualify. SAG-AFTRA does

not issue any other type of work permit."

ACTRA and SAG-AFTRA said in the statement that there are many kinds of scams performers can fall into, and recommended performers contact them.

Information about SAG-AFTRA can be found at sagaftra.org or by calling 1-855-724-2387.

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Cult kids return home to Canada

Ten children, aged two through seven, who were allegedly living in Arizona with followers of a self-styled guru have been returned to Quebec and placed in youth protection. Two more returned to B.C. and another two are still missing.

Marcel Pontbriand of Beloeil, Que., led the cult, which allegedly separated kids from their parents.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Biohazard

Man jailed for syringe assaults

A Quebec man who hid dirty syringes in clothing at a shopping mall has been sentenced to four years in jail.

Claude Letourneau had pleaded guilty to 32 counts of theft, assault with a weapon causing harm and assault with a weapon.

Several shoppers were pricked by the needles and had to undergo drug treatment.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Salvation Army

Second charged in \$2M toy theft

A second person has been charged in connection with the theft of 100,000 toys and other items from a Salvation Army warehouse in Toronto, police said Thursday.

Umaish Ramrat-tan, 61, of Ajax, faces 40 charges, including several counts of theft and possession of stolen property, and is to appear in court on Jan. 4.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Espionage

Warrants for spy to be released

The federal Crown has consented to unsealing redacted versions of three search warrants used to obtain evidence against a navy officer who pleaded guilty last month to passing military secrets to Russia.

Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle pleaded guilty in October to passing information to a foreign entity and breach of trust for selling classified information. He will be sentenced Jan. 10.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec holds blood for fear of contamination

Concern at provincial blood-supply agency. Tiny cracks in the packaging may have been the result of a manufacturing defect

Quebec's health minister offered assurances to patients on Thursday after the agency that oversees blood supplies in the province temporarily suspended use of some of its stock.

The problem has led to the postponement of some operations throughout the province.

"There is no contamination of the blood in Quebec," Health Minister Rejean Hebert told reporters in Quebec City.

"There is a problem with some batches of blood that could be contaminated, and we have withdrawn those batches of blood to be sure there's no problem."

Hebert insisted there is no risk to patients, adding that



A bag of blood is shown at a Montreal clinic on Thursday. Exposure to air could make a portion of the supply unusable. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspended

70%

The amount of the agency's blood stock that might be held for examination due to fears of bacterial contaminants

to keep blood. Tiny cracks were found in some packaging used to store blood stock at a Montreal holding facility.

Laurent-Paul Menard said the blood, some of which had already been distributed to hospitals, risked being exposed to air, which creates favourable conditions for bacteria.

Menard said about 70 per cent of the agency's stock might be held for examination.

Hema-Quebec suggested the leaks in the bags appeared to have been a manufacturing defect. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Palestinians win UN statehood

Landslide vote. Only Israel, Canada, the U.S., the Czech Republic, Panama and four tiny island nations opposed

The United Nations voted overwhelmingly Thursday to recognize a Palestinian state, a long-sought victory for the Palestinians and an embarrassing diplomatic defeat for the United States.

The resolution upgrading the Palestinians' status to a nonmember observer state at the UN was approved by a vote of 138-9, with 41 abstentions.

A Palestinian flag was quickly unfurled on the floor of the General Assembly, behind the Palestinian delegation. In the West Bank city of Ramallah, hundreds crowded into the main square, waved flags and chanted "God is great."

Real independence, however, remains elusive until the Palestinians negotiate a peace deal with the Israelis, who warned that the UN action will only delay a lasting solution. Israel still controls the West Bank, east Jerusalem and access to Gaza and it accused the Pal-

estinians of bypassing negotiations with the campaign.

The Palestinians still face enormous limitations. They don't control their borders, airspace or trade, they have competing governments in Gaza and the West Bank and they have no unified army or police.

The U.S. immediately criticized the vote. "Today's unfortunate and counterproductive resolution places further obstacles in the path to peace," Ambassador Susan Rice said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the speech by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas before the vote "defamatory and venomous," saying it was "full of mendacious propaganda."

Netanyahu said the UN move violated past agreements between Israel and the Palestinians and that Israel would act accordingly, without elaborating what steps it might take.

The Palestinians now can gain access to UN agencies and international bodies, most significantly the International Criminal Court, which could become a springboard for going after Israel for alleged war crimes or its ongoing settlement building on war-won land. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Domestic take

Canada considers retaliation

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird denounced the UN General Assembly Thursday for its "utterly regrettable decision" to allow the vote.

Baird also suggested Canada will take retaliatory measures against the Palestinians for forcing the issue onto the world stage. He didn't say what, but the obvious option would be suspending aid.

Baird said Canada was voting against the initiative because "we are firmly convinced (it) will undermine the objective of reaching a comprehensive, lasting and just settlement."

"This resolution will not advance the cause of peace.... On the contrary, this unilateral step will harden positions and raise unrealistic expectations."

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Palestinians celebrate the UN vote in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Thursday. **MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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N.Y. cop praised as an officer and a gentleman

A tourist's snapshot of a New York City police officer giving new boots to a barefoot homeless man in Times Square has created an online sensation.

Jennifer Foster, of Arizona, was visiting New York with her boyfriend on Nov. 14, when she came across the shoeless man asking for change in Times Square. As she was about to approach him, she said the officer – identified as Larry DePrimo – came up to the man with a pair of all-weather boots and thermal socks on the frigid night. She recorded his generosity on her cellphone.

DePrimo, speaking to reporters on Thursday, remembered the night clearly, that even with two pairs of socks on, his feet were freezing.

The homeless man "didn't even have a pair of socks on and I could only



This screenshot taken from Facebook shows policeman Larry DePrimo giving boots to a homeless man.
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became an instant hit. More than 420,000 users "liked" it as of Thursday evening, and more than 140,000 shared it.

Thousands of people commented, including one person who praised him as "An officer AND a Gentleman."

The photo shows the officer kneeling beside the man with the boots at his feet. A shoe store is seen in the background.

"I have these size 12 boots for you, they are all-weather. Let's put them on and take care of you," Foster quoted DePrimo as saying to the man.

She wrote: "The officer squatted down on the ground and proceeded to put socks and the new boots on this man. The officer expected NOTHING in return and did not know I was watching."

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imagine how cold that pavement was," the 25-year-old said.

Foster's photo was posted Tuesday night to the NYPD's official Facebook page and

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Northern ice sheets playing larger role in rising sea level

Climate change.

Melting ice now responsible for 40 per cent of overall sea-level rise, up from 20 per cent in the '90s

A study believed to be the most comprehensive ever done of the planet's ice sheets shows that, overall, they are melting faster and faster.

And as world leaders meet in Doha, Qatar, to discuss responses to climate change, the paper published Thursday in the journal *Science* shows the loss of ice from Greenland and the Antarctic is making an ever-greater contribution to rising sea levels.

"It's an observation with sufficient certainty to tell people the changes in the polar ice sheets are very much in line with what we expect those changes in climate to produce," said co-author Andrew Shepherd of the

University of Leeds.

Shepherd was one of an international team of 47 scientists who combined a wide array of data from 10 satellite missions and other sources to provide the clearest picture yet of what has been happening with the massive sheets of ancient ice that help anchor Earth's climate at both ends.

Overall, the sheets have lost about 4,250 gigatonnes of ice since 1992, enough to raise the average sea level around the globe by 11 millimetres.

That may not sound like much, but Erik Ivins of California's Jet Propulsion Laboratory says it's enough to matter.

"When you have 11 millimetres of increased sea level, if you compute the amount of mass that's capable of coming on shore during storm surge, it's a lot of mass," he said. "Small changes in sea levels in certain places mean very big changes in the kind of protection of infrastructure you need to have in place."

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Surface melt water rushes along the surface of the Greenland Ice Sheet through a supra-glacial stream channel in this July photo. Polar ice sheets are now melting three times faster than in the 1990s, but so far that's added slightly more than a centimetre to already rising global sea levels, a new comprehensive scientific study says. IAN JOUGHIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Making progress

Obama admin. says AIDS-free generation within reach

The Obama administration is releasing an ambitious road map to slash the global spread of AIDS by getting more people treated sooner and accelerating the use of other proven tools.

Thursday's report outlines how progress could continue if U.S. spending remains consistent — something far from certain as Congress and President Barack Obama struggle to avert looming budget cuts at year's end.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton says the plan shows her call for an AIDS-free generation is a goal within reach.

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Media-ethics inquiry.
PM objects to report's key recommendation, citing free-speech infringement concerns

Britain's unruly newspapers should be regulated by an independent body dominated by non-journalists with the power to levy steep fines for ethical lapses, a judge recommended Thursday after a yearlong inquiry.

Hostess Brands. Court approves Twinkie maker's bankruptcy

Hostess Brands Inc. got final approval for its wind-down plans in bankruptcy court Thursday, setting the stage for its iconic snack cakes to find a second life with new owners — even as 18,000 jobs will be wiped out.

The company said in court that it's in talks with 110 potential buyers for its brands, which include CupCakes, Ding Dongs and Ho Hos. The suitors include at least five national retailers such as supermarkets, a financial adviser for Hostess said.

Hostess also received approval to give its top executives bonuses totalling up to \$1.8 million US for meeting certain budget goals to bring down costs during the liquidation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Hostess Brands' Wonder Bread

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But Prime Minister David Cameron immediately expressed deep misgivings about a key recommendation in the report — that the new regulator be enshrined in law.

"I'm proud of the fact that we've managed to survive hundreds of years without state regulation," Cameron said.

The impasse left questions about the eventual impact of Lord Justice Brian Leveson's sweeping probe of media ethics in Britain. The inquiry was triggered by a tabloid phone-hacking scandal that expanded

Not just a few bad apples



While many editors have denied knowing about phone hacking, Lord Justice Brian Leveson said it "was far more than a covert, secret activity, known to nobody save one or two practitioners of the 'dark arts.'"

to engulf senior figures in politics, the police and Rupert Murdoch's media empire.

Leveson said a law should be established to prevent more people being hurt by "outrageous" press behaviour that

had "wreaked havoc with the lives of innocent people whose rights and liberties have been disdained."

The report pleased victims of tabloid intrusion, but worries editors. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



In 2,000-page report on the ethics of the British media released Thursday, Lord Justice Brian Leveson said the press should be regulated by a new body with much stronger powers than the current Press Complaints Commission. **GETTY IMAGES FILE**



What's their beef? Low wages, no union

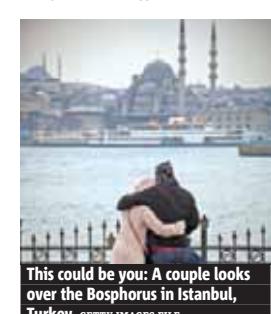
Protesters, many of them employees at Wendy's, demonstrate outside of one of the restaurants to demand higher pay and the right to form a union on Thursday in New York City. The campaign, called Fast Food Forward, organized protests at other New York fast-food establishments including McDonald's, Burger King, KFC, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and Domino's. The group seeks to double hourly pay to \$15 US an hour. **SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES**

Air Canada. Direct flights to Istanbul will launch next summer

Air Canada is introducing direct service next summer to Istanbul, Turkey, and will use two new Boeing 777 aircraft to expand its reach into the lucrative Asia-Pacific market.

Year-round service to Istanbul three times a week from Toronto will begin June 4 and serve as a gateway to Central Asia, the Middle East and Africa with alliance partner Turkish Airlines. "Istanbul and Turkey is growing incredibly fast," said chief commercial officer Ben Smith.

Service from Calgary to Tokyo Narita will be upgraded to daily flights on Boeing 767 planes with the addition of two flights a week starting May 1. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



This could be you: A couple looks over the Bosphorus in Istanbul, Turkey. **GETTY IMAGES FILE**

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XL Foods

Same rules apply to meat for export, domestic markets: Inspection agency

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency says the same safety standards apply to meat for domestic consumption and for overseas exports, and that reports to the contrary are "categorically false."

The embattled federal food safety agency is reacting to a media report that inspectors at the XL Foods processing plant in

Brooks, Alta., were told to ignore contamination on cattle carcasses unless they were destined for Japan.

A memo to inspectors, dated September 2008, instructs them to ensure all "Japan-eligible" beef has been 100 per cent verified for removal of fecal, intestinal and spinal cord materials. The same memo tells inspectors at the Japan Dura Mater station on the production line to ignore such contamination for meat not destined for Japan.

But a spokeswoman for the agency says the memo was about division of labour, and that the Japan

inspection station was not the end of the line.

Lisa Gauthier of the CFIA says in a release that there is "zero tolerance for any form of contamination" and that there are multiple points of detection along the processing line.

XL Foods was the scene of the largest beef recall in Canadian history this fall after meat contaminated with E. coli was stopped at the Canadian-American border in September.

People in at least four provinces were found to have been made ill by the E. coli strain and the XL plant only reopened at the end of October. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Record annual profit

Royal Bank reports \$1.9B net earnings in fourth quarter

The Royal Bank reported Thursday a record annual profit for its latest year, including \$1.9 billion in the fourth quarter, powered by its personal banking business.

The first of Canada's big banks to report its fourth-quarter results said personal and commercial banking business earnings topped \$1 billion for the quarter. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Los Angeles

Former Baltimore Oriole indicted for insider trading

Former Baltimore Orioles all-star Doug DeCinces and three others were indicted Wednesday on insider-trading charges involving the use of information prior to the takeover of a medical device company in California, authorities said.

DeCinces, 62, was charged with 42 counts of securities fraud and one count of money laundering. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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the NHL to hit that figure. It's like the longer the Leafs go playing mediocre hockey and not making the playoffs, the more the brand is worth! Enough already.

2 **TipMine.** From how to take a perfect basketball shot, to dealing with arthritis, to tricks to beating nail-biting, a new Canadian website called TipMine has advice on just about everything. And you can even submit your own text or video tips to share with others. So stop biting your nails and check it out.

3 **#BABYNAMES.** A couple named their newborn Like after Facebook last year, and this week it was revealed a couple who are obviously big Twitter fans apparently named their baby girl Hashtag — full name Hashtag Jameson. Just you wait: Someone in 2013 will name their baby Pinning after Pinterest.

4 **The smile epidemic.** A social-innovation project based out of Waterloo focuses on making people and organizations happy. The Smile Epidemic (@Smile_Epidemic on Twitter) suggests that doing simple things that make you smile for 30 days can change the way you look at the world. Go to TheSmileEpidemic.com to find out how to participate. And give a smile today.

5 **Coldplay.** Many fans got a rush of blood to the head when the band announced it's taking a long break from touring. "This is the last big show for three years or so," the band's leader Chris Martin said at a recent gig. Maybe Martin wants to spend more time with wife Gwyneth Paltrow having date nights in, listening to Coldplay songs like The Scientist.

6 **150 Shades Of Play.** Sexterts Em and Lo are releasing a new book, 150 Shades of Play: A Beginner's Guide to Kink, an A-to-Z manual that serves as kind of a companion piece to the Fifty Shades of Grey trilogy — but with real advice and quality writing. It's already working: I am cuffed to a bed wearing a kinky costume talking dirty as I dictate this to my wife.

7 **Chris Brown.** Imagine a Twitterverse free of Chris Brown? Well, that's the Christmas gift the R&B singer with massive anger issues gave us by deleting his account after sending misogynistic, violent tweets at comedian Jenny Johnson in response to much tamer tweets Johnson directed his way. Fingers crossed he never reacts it.

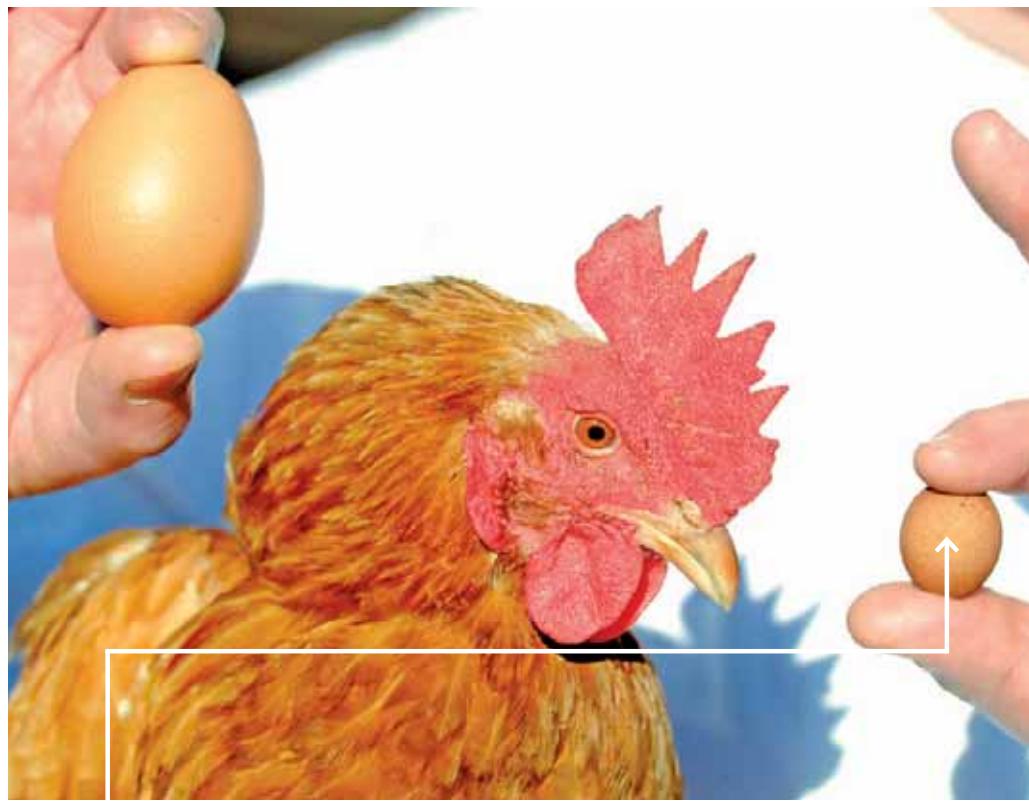
8 **Milking.** The new planking is milking, which involves pouring containers of milk over your head in a public place. It originated with dudes in Newcastle, England. I think I did this as a submission move during a food fight in my high-school cafeteria in Peterborough in 1988. So these Newcastle dudes totally ripped me off. They just weren't born yet to know it. The video now has almost half a million views. Watch the hilarity at metronews.ca.

9 **Jenna Marbles.** If you haven't heard of entertainer/comedian Jenna Marbles, you must check out her YouTube channel, which has nearly five million subscribers. With her (profanity-laced) social-commentary vids like Things I Don't Understand About Girls, and Apps Are Ruining My Life, she is hysterical fun.

10 **Google's Mr. Dressup.** Google Canada celebrated the 85th birthday of the late Ernie "Mr. Dressup" Coombs on Monday by placing a doodle of him on google.ca, with puppets Casey and Finnegan. Mr. Dressup was an iconic Canadian children's show that ran from 1967 to 1996. If you want to know more about Ernie Coombs and his place in pop culture, Google him.

11 **Lindsay Lohan.** The train wreck that is Lindsay Lohan had another normal week in the life that is Lindsay Lohan: She got arrested. Yes, late Wednesday night, she was arrested for allegedly punching a woman at an N.Y.C. nightclub. This girl needs the world's largest intervention ever.

Tiny egg no small potatoes



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Record-breaking egg

Owner's viewpoint

But wait!

Egg-laying business

Man thinks he has smallest hen egg

A bed-and-breakfast owner who believes he has found the world's smallest hen's egg confessed he took it in his pocket to show his pals at the pub.

Paul Rae found the dime-sized egg on Sunday alongside three normal ones in his henhouse at the business he runs with his wife, Margaret, in Humshaugh, Northumberland, northeast England.

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"After I found it, I had a quick look online, then I took it to the pub. My friends said I should get in touch with the Guinness Book of Records."

Paul Rae, 52, owner of the Walwick Farm House bed and breakfast
Rae admitted he keeps his prized find more safely now. "I don't carry it in my pocket now; it's wrapped in cotton wool," he said.

Rival egg hopes to break record first

Rae's discovery comes at the same time Harry Evans found an egg that he claimed was barely larger than a dime at his farm near the market town of Bakewell, Derbyshire, central England.

"(Evans') weighed 7.3 grams but mine was just five grams," Rae said. "It's certainly not longer than 2.5 centimetres, which his was — it's less than that in length."

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It's a stone-cold wholaidit

Now Rae is hoping to beat Evans to the record books.

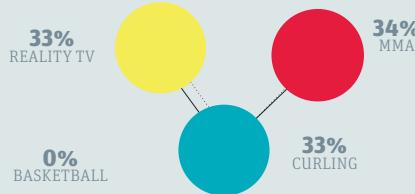
"There is no category for the world's smallest chicken egg, as far as I know, so I am going to try and get it recorded," Rae said.

Yet sadly he doesn't know which of his four Lohmann Brown hens, named Margaret's Girls in honour of his wife, spawned the now-famous egg. METRO



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With the hockey lockout, what are you watching a lot more of?



@Alex_Kucharski: ...
"More duck face".... Said NO photographer EVER

@anna_schaufler: ...
No such thing as downloading too much Ed Sheeran

@ihctodd: ...

Wow. Bizarre. Just met a fellow at the Ottawa airport who was involved in the tragic Lions Gate Bridge accident this morning. Still shaken.

@oedswano: ...
I just unlocked the "Flame Broiled" badge on foursquare for checking in to burger joints! Cheeseburgers all around!

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Keira Knightley wears imperialist Russian style well in *Anna Karenina*. HANDOUT

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Anna Karenina. Luxe setting, costumes and Keira Knightley's cheekbones make for a screenplay that felt a bit too staged

Richard: Mark, the story itself is rather simple and has been told many times, so what distinguishes this version, aside from the cast (more on that later), is the sumptuous staging. Every frame of the film drips with beauty, from the sets to the clothes to Knightley's cheekbones. But that's to be expected from a big retelling of the story. What really captures my eye — and mind — is the unconventional way director Joe Wright has chosen to tell the tale. What did you think of the mix of reality and fantasy?

Mark: I think Joe Wright, to his credit, wanted to take the stiff-

ness out of a classic. Setting the movie in a theatre is an unusual move, which makes it feel intimate but also a bit claustrophobic and gimmicky. Perhaps he was trying to say that people in pre-revolutionary Russia were forced to play their social roles and this is the undoing of Karenina. The theatre setting allows for some breathtaking transitions but sometimes left me scratching my head.

RC: It's a risky bit of staging to be sure, but I imagined I was watching an *Anna Karenina* opera, with all the implied drama and grandeur, but none of the music. I think it's a brilliant piece of staging for a story that has enough passion and tragedy for two operas. What did you think of Knightley? She has a face meant to be framed by fur hats and veils, but apart from looking the part, she carefully modulates Anna's descent from socialite to outcast with grace and dignity while allowing notes of frustration and

misery to seep through.

MB: Your comment about music is interesting to me because at times I thought the actors were just about to break into song! I thought Knightley, who has to carry the movie, has the evanescent presence of a great silent movie actress. It was Vronsky (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) that felt miscast. He should be fatally dashing, but he just seems callow and expressionless. He's just not seductive enough to make me believe Anna would throw her life away for him. Jude Law, on the other hand, is perfect as the wronged husband. And it took a lot of guts for him to sport that hairstyle.

RC: You got that right. He does leave his matinee idol days behind with that haircut. I also liked Matthew Macfadyen, whose élan and rakish charm turns the womanizing Oblonsky into one of the film's high spots.

Synopsis

Russian writer Leo Tolstoy's classic story set in imperialist Russia begins with a family in tatters because of marital transgression. St. Petersburg aristocrat and socialite Anna Karenina (Keira Knightley) travels to Moscow to visit her womanizing brother Oblonsky (Matthew Macfadyen) and his long-suffering wife Dolly (Kelly Macdonald). Her counsel saves their marriage, but the trip proves to be the undoing of hers.

• Richard: •••••

• Mark: •••••

MB: There's great wit from a screenplay by Tom Stoppard and a sumptuous production design, but in the end — wow! — can Keira Knightley rock a hoop skirt.

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JUMPSTART INVESTS \$12 MILLION ACROSS CANADA



Canadian Tire Jumpstart has reached a monumental milestone: The national charity has helped more than 500,000 children across Canada between the ages of four and 18 take part in organized sports and recreation since its inception in 2005.

"This is a celebratory and significant milestone," says Bal Gosal, Canada's minister of sport. "Physical activity and access to sports for our kids is key to a healthier, stronger country. Canadian Tire Jumpstart is making a real difference in the lives of many young Canadians."

Thanks to generous donations as well as support from the Canadian Tire Corporation, dealers as well as vendors, Jumpstart has helped half a million kids participate in 78 different activities, from swimming and hockey to football and dance. By the end of 2012, Jumpstart will distribute \$12 million back into Canadian communities to help kids who otherwise could not participate in having a sporting chance.

Jumpstart is unique in its ability to work in every community across Canada with 315 local chapters created and managed by

volunteers and caring Canadian citizens. These chapters work closely with more than 2,400 community partners to identify families with financial needs whose children would benefit from participating in the programs. It is a perfect formula for a national charity to help at the local level.

So how can ordinary Canadians help the one in three families that can't afford to pay the fees for organized sport and recreation programs? There are many ways to get involved. One hundred per cent of donations made at any Canadian Tire, Canadian Tire Petroleum or Mark's locations remain directly in your community. Or, one way this holiday season is to go online and donate to the Jumpstart Symbolic Giving Program; there's no better gift to give than the chance for a child to enrol in a season of sport and recreation.

Last Christmas, instead of exchanging gifts with her Canadian Women's Hockey League Toronto Furies' teammates, goaltender Sami Jo Small and the other players pitched in to buy a \$200 Canadian Tire Jumpstart hockey registration for a



Canadian child who wanted to play the sport they love but wasn't financially able.

"We plan to do it again this year," says Small, the three-time Olympic women's hockey team champion who is also a Canadian Tire Jumpstart ambassador. "You don't have to spend a lot to make a big difference in a child's life."

The momentum behind Jumpstart is awe-inspiring. "Our vision is more than getting children involved in sports and recreation — it's to have a country where all kids have a chance to fulfill their dreams," says Johnny Misley, the president of Canadian Tire Jumpstart.



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JUMPSTART HELPS CANADIAN KIDS' DREAMS COME TRUE

"I believe that Canadian Tire Jumpstart is one of the best charities out there," says Gord MacGregor, the City of Ottawa's program co-ordinator. "So many kids want to play, but sports are expensive. Canadian Tire Jumpstart removes financial barriers."

The national charity's partnership with the City of Ottawa has spawned five "I Love to" programs: Skate, Dance, Swim, Play Soccer and Play Hockey.

I Love to Skate, for example, teaches 400 children and 30 youth who face barriers to physical activity how to skate. The program provides skates, blade sharpening, helmets, four lessons and a wrap-up party.

"Many of the kids are new Canadians who are skating on an outdoor rink for the first time and have never seen snow before," says MacGregor. "It's rewarding to see their eyes light up and their big smiles."

The Sens Foundation, a strategic partner of the Ottawa Senators Hockey Club, provides the venue, Scotiabank Place, for the wrap-up party, where the kids skate on the same ice as the Ottawa Senators.

"At some point during the program, a couple of Senators players teach a lesson," says MacGregor. "The kids can get their autographs. And the players have just as much fun as the kids."

—Jane Doucet



One way to give this holiday is through Jumpstart's Symbolic Giving Program, which allows you to give the gift of a season of sport to a child in need. From hockey lessons for \$200 to swimming lessons for \$75, find the perfect holiday gift.

For more information on Jumpstart or on how to donate or apply, please visit Jumpstart.canadiantire.ca or call 1-877-616-6600.



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Gerard Butler talks Playing For Keeps and men in the throes of midlife crisis

Rom com. Actor can relate to film's character — a former soccer star who causes chaos around him

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Gerard Butler produced and stars in *Playing for Keeps*, a romantic comedy about an ex-national soccer star who returns to small-town America, where his son and estranged wife live.

As George discovers and Butler knows, being famous can create problems.

"You get that as an actor in my position," says Butler.

"You can cause a bit of chaos even with the best intentions wherever you go. (My character) George is chaotic on the inside and he causes chaos wherever he goes, but he's trying his best to take the right path. That right path is often blocked by those who would like to get their claws into him because he's an appealing character and yet in himself he doesn't feel that at all. That's what's interesting about him," he says.

Catherine Zeta-Jones and Uma Thurman don't work often. How did you lure them back?

I was kind of surprised myself. They were fun roles for them to get into, they



In *Playing For Keeps*, Gerard Butler is an ex-soccer star trying to get his life back together in small town America. HANDOUT

are juicy comedic crazy roles and yet they speak to you in a way that's relatable.

People get those characters, where they're coming from.... That's what I loved about this movie.

What wisdom do you have

for men in a midlife crisis?
For a man, it's about growing up.

You want to keep the child in you, but at the same time you've got those quick fixes and learn about commitment and sacrificing something and

ultimately going beyond distraction and love (to) family (and) career. ... But that's tough because in this life we live there are so many temptations and distractions and you can't deny it, they're fun and exciting. I'm thinking, 'Yes,

that's it.'

I'm finally growing up and then for a long period of time I'm thinking I have no purpose, no real maturity, and I'm not handling my responsibilities very well.

As one of the Sexiest Man Alive (2004) any words for Channing Tatum?

That was a long time ago! Just be yourself and you're judged on that. If you have to try, it's pretty sad. I'm sure Tatum didn't have to try.

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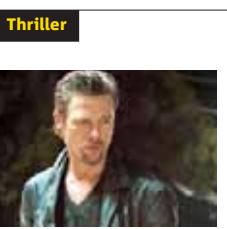
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Thriller Killing Them Softly

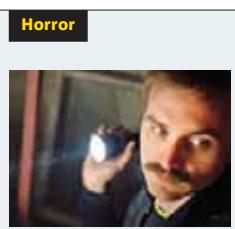
Director: Andrew Dominik

Stars: Brad Pitt,
James Gandolfini

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Brad Pitt stalks around New Orleans as a hitman in Andrew Dominik's thriller, which drains the juice out of its underworld scenario by reminding us at every turn that it's actually an allegory about the American economy. The film is twisty and violent but also insufferably pretentious; it acts as if it's the first movie to equate crime and corporate thinking, when it's actually just the latest in a long line.

ADAM NAYMAN



Horror V/H/S

Director: Adam Wingard, Ti West, more

Stars: Calvin Reeder, Hannah Fierman

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Omnibus films — movies made up of segments from different directors — rarely work. Ditto for found-footage horror flicks. So combining the two styles into one, as V/H/S does, seems like a doomed effort from the outset. The collection is framed around a group of ne'er-do-wells breaking into a home to recover a VHS tape for some extra cash, only to discover the gruesome footage it contains. To their credit the scene's limited run-time ensures a clever conceit isn't stretched too thin.

IAN GORMELY

Filmmaker learns the hard way to Beware of Mr. Baker

Documentary.

Jay Bulger delves into the personal life of Cream's explosive drummer Ginger Baker, and ends up with a broken nose

PAT HEALY

Metro World News in Boston

Jay Bulger deliberated about how much of a part he should play in Beware of Mr. Baker. The writer and director's debut documentary focuses on the impulsive and explosive life of drummer Ginger Baker, who

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"Sometimes you've got to take a couple punches before you can get inside"

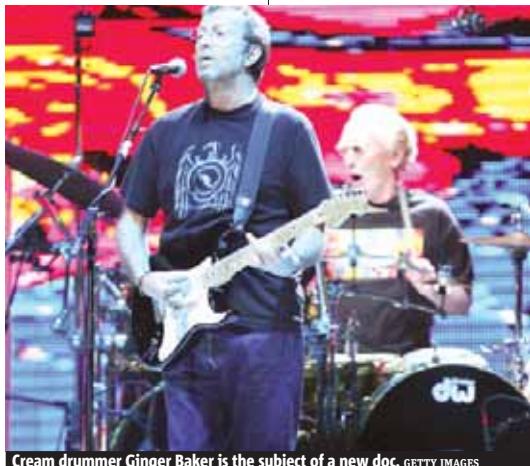
Jay Bulger on putting up with Ginger Baker's abuse during filming

is best known as the thunderous beat behind Cream, the 1960s band that defined the term "supergroup." It might at first seem superfluous to include the personal story of the filmmaker, especially because Baker is such a one-of-a-kind character whose history is dense with so much unabashed sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll and violence. But some of those forces inevitably leaked into Bulger's own life while making the film.

"I was like, 'God, I'm there so much and you hear my voice, I should probably show who I am,'" says the filmmaker. "And then when he broke my nose with a cane, I thought that was such an indicative moment of who he is and how he deals with people."

The assault begins and ends the doc, but between these personal bookends, Baker tells of a troubled childhood and how he escaped through an enchantment with rhythm and, soon after, heroin. Both are constants during his meteoric rise to fame and many falls from such dizzying heights.

Lounging in a leather chair in his South African home,



Cream drummer Ginger Baker is the subject of a new doc. GETTY IMAGES

Baker often berates Bulger. "It's like boxing," says Bulger. "Sometimes you've got to take a couple punches before you can get inside."

And he does get inside. The drummer opens up about the bridges he has burned between family and friends. Then Bulger interviews those same people, including bandmates Eric Clap-

ton, Jack Bruce and Steve Winwood. That Baker would do this is why Baker hits him.

"I loved the challenge of doing a movie about somebody who is so potentially unlikable," says the filmmaker. "As much as you want to hate him, you've got to love him because he still keeps going," says Bulger, "and he never compromises."

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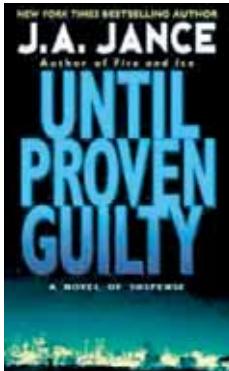
The crime novels that deserve a read-through by Hollywood

From bestseller to blockbuster? In light of Jack Reacher's screen debut, here are a few other books that might make great films

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With Tom Cruise hitting theatres as the beloved book series-turned blockbuster Jack Reacher in December, it'll mark the first time Lee Child's popular ex-military cop of 16

novels has seen himself adapted for the big-screen. While fans will surely get their fix, we wondered what other longtime crime-novel characters Hollywood has yet to mine for movie magic. Here are few fictional characters that haven't yet made it to the big screen.



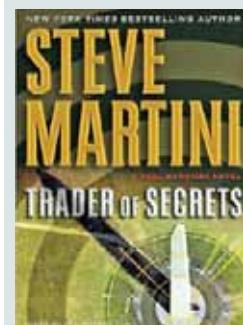
UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY

Character: Homicide Detective J.P. Beaumont

Author: J.A. Jance

Why it works: Based on Jance's first husband, Beaumont is an alcoholic, divorced father of two who lives off junk food and whiskey. According to her website, her characters are "people first and police officers second," a Hollywood sound bite if ever there was one.

Wealth of material: Twenty one novels starting with 1985's Until Proven Guilty.



TRADER OF SECRETS

Character: Defense Attorney Paul Madriani

Author: Steve Martini

Why it works: With two previous TV mini-series behind it (including 2001's The Judge starring Chris Noth), Martini's brilliant character seems ripe for the big screen. Plus, his irascible sidekick Harry Hinds is Madriani's antithesis of what Watson is to Sherlock Holmes.

Wealth of material: Twelve bestsellers, including last year's Trader of Secrets.



Tom Cruise stars in Jack Reacher, which hits theatres Dec. 21. HANDBOUT

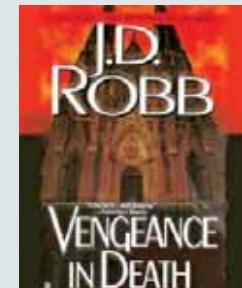
IN DEATH SERIES

Character: Lieutenant Eve Dallas

Author: J.D. Robb a.k.a Nora Roberts

Why it works: Set in a dystopian future, Eve Dallas is a cop that has no memory of her past before being found in an alley at age eight. Known more for her romance novels, Roberts combines crime and passion in a genre that could benefit from a more feminine touch.

Wealth of material: Roberts is nothing if not prolific. With more than 30 books in the In Death series alone, Tinseltown should really take notice.



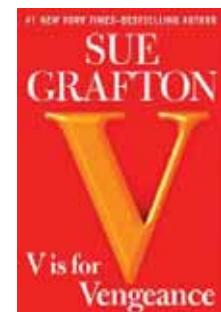
V IS FOR VENGEANCE

Character: Kinsey Millhone

Author: Sue Grafton

Why it works: Orphaned at age five, Millhone is a former tough-as-nails cop that struck out on her own. Based on Grafton herself, the character is blue-collar, rebellious and very popular in the Alphabet book series.

Wealth of material: Plenty. But even though 22 novels (including her latest, V is For Vengeance) exist, Grafton claims that she'll never sell out to Hollywood.



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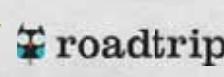
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Thu 4:30
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Coliseum Ottawa 3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

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Halle Berry

Halle's den of drama for sale, but she's waiting for the Berry best offer

Halle Berry is reportedly selling the Hollywood Hills mansion where her recent Thanksgiving celebrations ended in a brawl between fiancé Olivier Martinez and ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry, according to Hollyscoop. But the Oscar winner isn't

unloading it because of the recent bad memories. Berry secretly listed the five-bedroom, 5,900 square-foot home a couple of weeks before Thanksgiving and received an \$11 million offer last week, but she's holding out for more.

Two and a Half Men star to return to sitcom after mudsling



Angus T. Jones

Despite making news with a video in which he called Two and a Half Men filth and urged viewers to stop watching, Angus T. Jones will be returning to the hit sitcom when production picks back up in January, according to TMZ. "Angus expects to report to work after the holiday break," a source says. "He intends to honour his contract through the end of the season."

The Word

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THE WORD
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With all the divorces, marriages and arrests I report on, being a gossip columnist can sometimes feel like being in Groundhog's Day — and Lindsay Lohan is my Ned Ryerson.

Yes, the troubled starlet was arrested yet again for punching another woman at a New York City nightclub around 4 a.m. on Thursday morning. Lohan apparently was "partying hard" at the club, called Avenue, and was "looking for trouble," a source tells RadarOnline. That trouble



manifested itself through a clubgoer named Tiffany Eve Mitchell. Apparently, Mitchell asked Lohan for a photograph. Lohan, who was "drinking heavily and doing cocaine," said no and was "really rude about it." Mitchell kept dancing but Lohan wouldn't let this infraction go. Again, from

another eye-witness: "She totally sucker-punched that girl in the face out of nowhere! Nobody saw it coming," RadarOnline.com reports. "Lindsay went wild. She was kicking and screaming, cursing at the girl and then spat at her. The girl looked like she wanted to fight back at Lindsay, but was too startled by all the commotion to react."

So, the cops were called. Lohan was spotted attempting to leave the club, hopping into the passenger seat of her car before cops pulled her out and arrested her. Lohan was heard yelling, "Are you kidding me?" as she was led away, a source says.

She was released four hours later and given a citation and a court date. Being a refined wordsmith, I'm not good at math, but by my calculation, that is probably her one millionth court appointment to date.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Moore on the mend: Is a half-her-age hunk helping her heal?

Demi Moore has reportedly moved on from her year-old split from Ashton Kutcher and is now dating 26-year-old art dealer Vito Schnabel, according to People magazine. Moore, who recently celebrated her 50th birthday, and Schnabel were reportedly "dancing and grinding all over each other" at a recent party in Jodhpur, India, thrown by Naomi Campbell. "It's really happening," a source says of the pairing. "There was a time when Vito was kind of cool with (Kutcher), so it seems a little weird."



Demi Moore ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Moore and Schnabel are expected to attend the upcoming Art Basel celebration in Miami.

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Lindsay Lohan was just arrested in NYC for allegedly punching a woman in the face. 50 bucks says it was a TV critic who hated "Liz & Dick".



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That awkward moment when you wave at a cute little girl and the dude standing right in front of her thinks you're flirting with him!



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Big day: Just paid-off my student loan!

Give Martha Stewart a run for her money

First dinner party.

Here are some tips to ensure your guests enjoy their evening

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Sure, beer and pizza are perennial party favourites. But treating guests to a home-cooked meal? Now there's a delicious accomplishment.

But if you're not the type to keep coasters and cocktail napkins on hand, have no fear: playing host isn't all that hard.

You don't even have to have a full-fledged dining room. Ottawa food blogger Kelly Brisson regularly seats her dinner guests around a large, folding card table that she easily stores away.

"Once the food's on it, no one really looks at the table anyway," she laughs.

Brisson has written about crafting simple, savoury meals on her blog, The Gouda Life, for the last four years, and is well-versed on dinner party do's and don'ts. The first thing a new host or hostess should keep in mind, she suggests, is keeping a cool head.

"You want to spend the day enjoying the process of cooking and just setting up the table the day of the party," she says.

Reduce your day-of duties by tidying your space the day before and preparing side dishes in advance that can be easily reheated prior to your guests' arrival. When it comes to the feast of the feast, consider items that you have cooked up before, or that you're comfortable making and know taste great.

Keep friends' dietary restrictions in mind as you plan your



Preparation is one of the keys to a dinner party. iSTOCK

Curry Cauliflower Dip

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Place cauliflower, garlic cloves, curry, cumin, cinnamon and salt into bowl. Drizzle with oil. Toss onto baking sheet and roast 15 minutes, until edges of florets are golden brown. Flip and roast another 8 minutes until everything is golden and fork-tender.

2. Place in food processor with Greek yogurt, lemon juice and a drizzle of olive oil and blend until smooth. Taste for seasoning and add more salt if necessary. Spoon into large bowl,

add a touch more olive oil and sprinkle of cayenne pepper. Serve with veggies and pita.

- 1 head cauliflower, cut into bite-sized florets
 - 4 cloves garlic, whole
 - 1/2 tsp (2 ml) curry powder
 - 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground cumin
 - pinch cinnamon and salt
 - olive oil
 - 1/3 cup (75 ml) plain Greek yogurt
 - 1 to 2 tbsp (15 to 30 ml) lemon juice
 - cayenne pepper
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menu. No one should feel left out or think they have to bring their own dish.

That said, if a guest offers to bring something, it's smart to accept. "Let them help you out," says Brisson.

Stock up on ice, Brisson suggests, and extra wine and non-alcoholic beverages. Another tip: Craft a special cocktail to offer guests as they arrive. "It makes people feel welcome and it gives you something to talk about."

Most importantly? Have fun. "It's just dinner — whoever you're having over is there to eat and enjoy your company."

The last of the firsts

This is the final in a week-long series of articles chronicling some of the rites of passage many of Metro's readers will experience as they leave the nest or school and head out on their own.

- Share. Have you ever thrown a dinner party? Any tips you'd like to share? Visit metronews.ca/features/firsts, tweet or share with the person next to you.

Liquid Assets

Excellent dinner mates



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While I like having people over to the house as much as the next guy, plotting a dinner party ranks just below ironing on my list of things I can't stand doing. I know I'm in the minority.

With more and more people DIYing their homes into dream palaces, the inclination to have friends over to enjoy the fruits of their labours — during a nice meal accented with a glass of wine — has never been stronger.

Finding an all-purpose dinner wine that will work well with a variety of menus while appealing to a wide range of picky palates isn't easy.

Pinot grigio is my go-to grape on the white side. Italy's Santa Margherita 2011 Pinot Grigio (\$16.95 to \$21.49) has a crisp, refreshing, lightly citrusy personality that makes a very accommodating table mate.

For a red people-pleaser, think sweet rather than dry. E & J Gallo's 2010 Apothic (\$14.99 to \$17.99) from California has a cocktail vibe to its ripe, just-crushed red berry fruit flavour, thanks to a supportive backbone of residual sugar. Add a slight chill and it pairs remarkably well with most main courses. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

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Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



Freshly Chopped Supperclub

Mixing fresh food and live music, this completely tea-infused three-course locavore meal is part of the inaugural Freshly Chopped supper club series being hosted at Grounded Coffee House on Friday night. DJ Jas Nasty is spinning international beats that tip their hat to tea. You decide to sit at the DJ or Chef's table. Nov. 30. groundedkitchencoffee.com



Aline Morales

As part of Mercury Lounge's official 16th anniversary party, the club will be filled with live reggae, samba, funk and soul music on Friday night from Juno-nominated world music artist Aline Morales. She brings her six piece band to play the soulful Tropicalia sound guests can dance the night away to. Nov. 30. mercurylounge.com



Centretown Movies free flick

If you remember setting booby traps for bad guys as a kid, or just want to share in the child-like fun, check out the Classic family Christmas movie Home Alone being screened outdoors by Centretown Movies at McNabb Park on Saturday night. Hot chocolate is included in the free event, but dress warmly. Dec. 1. centretownmovies.wordpress.com



Writer's Festival Holiday Book Sale

Curl up with a good book or two this winter. With thousands of interesting books for sale, the Ottawa International Writers' Festival is hosting its first holiday book sale. Bargains can be snapped up on a range of amazing poetry, fiction to non-fiction with proceeds going to fund local children literacy programs. Dec. 1. writersfestival.org



Loreena McKennitt

After a five-year absence from live performance, Celtic songstress Loreena McKennitt returns to the National Arts Centre for an intimate concert of songs from her recent album The Wind that Shakes the Barley. Rare holiday selections and stories from her journeys in Ireland to Mongolia will be shared for a magical evening. Dec. 1 and 2. nac-cna.ca



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Good2Go — don't forget your towel

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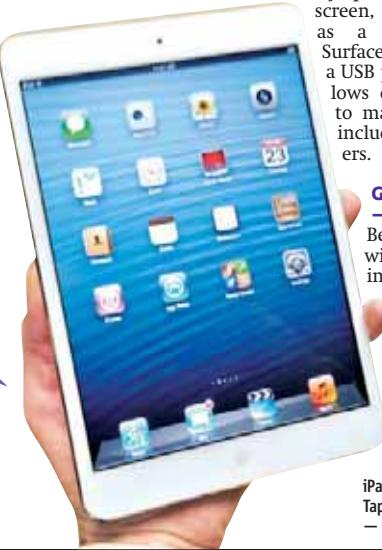
Take a byte out of the holidays


MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Computers and tablets are always popular gifts during the holidays. Unfortunately, people are often lured by sales and promotions and fall into the trap of buying the wrong one.

Here's a look at the best tablets and computers so you don't disappoint your loved one this holiday season.

iPad Mini — \$329 and up
All the features of Apple's iPad in a model you can hold in one hand. The iPad



Mini is the perfect tablet for those on the move. It's small-form factor and light weight means you can stuff it into any bag or purse, yet it can do everything a full-sized iPad can do.

Surface — \$499 and up

Microsoft's Surface has features not seen on other tablets. For starters, it comes preloaded with Windows 8, a new take on the classic stuffy operating system. A built-in kickstand gives you freedom to prop it up on any surface, while the Touch Cover (sold separately) not only protects the screen, it doubles as a keyboard. Surface also has a USB port that allows connectivity to many devices, including printers.

Galaxy Nexus 10 — \$399.99 and up

Behold the tablet with the amazing screen. Google's Nexus 10 sports the highest resolution on any tablet with more than 4 million pixels in your hand; that's



even more than Apple's new iPad. The beautiful screen makes it perfect to use it as an entertainment device, although it will handle any work you throw at it.

New iMac — \$1,299 and up

Never has a computer looked this beautiful. Apple's new iMac is a mere five millimetres thin at its outer edge and has 40 per cent less volume than the previous generation. Beautiful yes, but it's also powerful. The latest iMacs contain third-generation Intel processors and has the option of a Fusion-Drive, which combines a traditional hard drive with

Flash storage to ensure the programs you use the most launch from Flash storage at lightning speed.

HP SpectreOne — \$1,299

Art meets



technology. HP's SpectreOne looks like a traditional all-in-one PC, but its looks are deceiving. This Windows 8 PC features a 23.6-inch monitor that is actually a 10-point touchscreen display, so you can simply touch the screen instead of using the touchpad or keyboard. The SpectreOne also features

a Beats Audio headphone jack and HDMI-in so you can watch external devices on the beautiful display.

Sony Vaio Tap 20 — \$1,089.99

Is it an all-in-one computer or a tablet? Well, it's both. The secret is in the battery hidden in the screen. Since you don't have to plug it in, you can take the



Tap 20 anywhere and use it as a tablet. Or set it up on a flat surface, pull out the keyboard and mouse and use it as a full-fledged computer. With a 20-inch screen it's certainly a large tablet, but who says that's a bad thing.

MacBook Pro with Retina Display — \$1,699 and up

Spoil your eyes with Apple's latest MacBook Pro. This 13-inch laptop features

state-of-the-art processors, amazing graphics capabilities and Flash storage. But the screen is the real draw here. It may be a bit pricier than many laptops in the same category, but once you feast your eyes on the Retina display, you will have issues using anything else. Seeing is believing.

Correction

The Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS20 retails for \$379 and does not have 3-D capabilities. Incorrect information appeared in last week's Holiday Gift Guide. Metro regrets the error.

iPad Mini — \$329 and up, left, Sony Vaio Tap 20 — \$1,089.99, top left, HP SpectreOne — \$1,299, above, Surface — \$499 and up.

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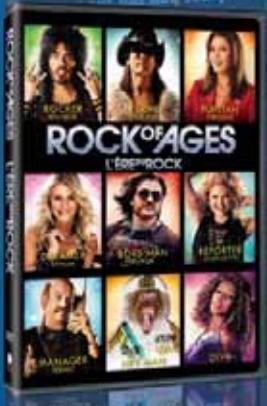
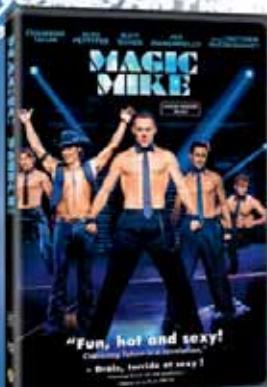
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Aim for these hot video game titles



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If you have a gamer on your list, we're here to help. We've played a bunch of stuff (all less than \$60 MSRP) and narrowed it down to the hottest titles available this holiday season. Just remember to buy two — one for them, and one for you.

**FOR THE TEEN GAMER
AND OLDER:**

Borderlands 2

Multi-platform: M

Best shooter! Best RPG! Best DLC (with promises of more)! Best characters! Best (and most) guns in all of video game land! We're pretty sure this is the best of everything and it's all rolled into one package of awesomeness. I don't know how else to tell you this might be the "game to gift. It's just that good. The single player is grand, the co-op is equally as grand, and the DLC just makes me smile. Not sure if you have heard, but lootin' n shootin' are the most fantastic things since sliced bread. Well, that and reloading, tossing out



A screen shot from Assassin's Creed III, the third game in the series that features vast expanses to play in as well as a plethora of weapons. CONTRIBUTED

the empty clip, and having it explode like a grenade. We don't think there's anything more enjoyable than reloading and yelling "frag out." Nope, nuthin'.

Halo 4
Xbox 360: M

Wake up, Master Chief! Wake up! It's time to wander around space in your Spartan suit while looking really cool, shooting aliens, and being surrounded with the best graphics we've seen in recent memory. Wow — just wow. Full of everything you expect from the franchise plus a whole lot more — this installment is the beginning of a whole new saga to save mankind. With new enemies and



new ways to track your stats, you can co-op and/or multiplayer your way through this award-winning blockbuster game all the way into 2014.

And you know you can make your own multiplayer maps, too, right?

Assassin's Creed III
Multi-platform: M

Free-running is where it's at and you'll need to set aside three solid weeks of your life to do it. Set in Boston, New York, and the frontier, overflowing with incredible attention to detail, the third game in this series does not disappoint. With a new engine, vast expanses to play in, tree canopies to run through, beavers to assassinate, and ships to sail across the seas, staying incognito has never been a more enjoyable challenge. As America's first highly trained Master Assassin, you get a

plethora of weapons: Swords, a bow and arrow, some rope darts, a bunch of other stuff, and a tomahawk. Tomahawks are fun — you'll see.



Forza Horizon
Xbox 360: T

Dirt tracks, music festivals, and graphics that will knock your socks off — yes, Forza Horizon is all that and more. No longer the straight-laced racing sim you've come to associate with the name Forza, this title is more like an open-world, racing fun exploring explosion. With hidden cars, 250 events, and a solid AI that takes solo or multiplayer racing into a whole new experience, new fans and old will be driving through signs, painting their cars, destroying some landscaping, and racing their dream cars against aeroplanes. Yes, I said aeroplanes. So good.

Having fun while learning

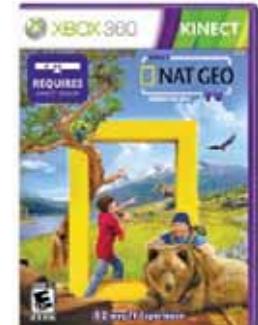


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More hot video game titles, this time for the kid gamer (and their parents, too).

Lego The Lord of The Rings
Multi-platform: E10+

Take a little hobbit, turn him into Lego, give him a bunch of friends and a shovel, send him out into a vast Lego universe to protect a ring, and you end up with a monumental adventure full of epic battles, Lego bows, and Lego swords. With more playable characters than you can shake a wizard at, this two-player drop-in/drop-out action-ad-



Lego The Lord of The Rings offers more playable characters than you can shake a wizard at. CONTRIBUTED

And then there's motion-sensitive gaming. It's like crack for kids. But it's magic — they don't know they're learning stuff but they are.

Education and gaming together, you say? How?

Specifically for the Xbox 360, it's the Kinect Sensor peripheral (\$109 MSRP), and the following whack of engaging titles is readily available for you to gift in the name of fun and learning.

Kinect Sesame Street

If you take real segments from Sesame Street and add motion-sensitive gaming, you get a one-of-a-kind interactive learning experience. Rated Early Childhood, this immersive title allows your child to play catch with Elmo, count coconuts with Grover, use voice commands to take pictures, and engage with some of their other favorite Sesame Street characters.

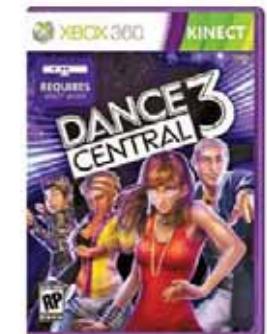


Nat Geo TV: E10+

Rwaar! I'm a bear! You can be a bear and you can learn about bears. Never before has discovering the natural world been so interactive — right in your own living room. With the brilliant combination of live-action footage from Nat Geo WILD TV, tiny quizzes and breaks for motion-sensitive mini-games.

Dance Central 3: T

Four decades of dance moves



will have your kids learning original routines while dancing (a.k.a. working out, but don't tell them that) and wearing out the carpet. Seriously voice controlled and packed with more than 40 songs from yesterday and today, Dance Central 3 also includes a brand spanking new multiplayer mode for up to eight players. Your kids need this — at the very least so you can do the hustle with them and six of their very best friends.



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Recipe. Sweet and Salty Shortbread Mounds

This recipe for delightful treats makes about 5 dozen cookies. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup softened Gay Lea Unsalted Butter
- 1 cup instant dissolving sugar
- 1/2 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup crumbled, salted pretzel sticks
- 1/2 cup chopped, salted roasted peanuts
- Chocolate Glaze:
 - 3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - 3 tbsp Gay Lea Unsalted Butter
 - 1 tbsp corn syrup

Instructions:

Beat the butter with the sugar, peanut butter and vanilla until fluffy. Beat the flour and salt into the butter mixture just until combined. Stir in the pretzels and peanuts. Chill for 15 minutes.

Roll 1 tbsp portions of the dough into balls. Arrange the balls, about 1-inch apart, on parchment paper-lined



Sweet and Salty Shortbread Mounds. CONTRIBUTED

baking sheets. Chill for 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 325°F. Bake, in batches, for 14 to 16 minutes or just until pale golden on the bottom (do not over-bake). Cool completely on the baking sheets.

Chocolate Glaze: Melt chocolate chips with butter and corn syrup until smooth.

Dip the top of each cookie into the chocolate mixture.

Sprinkle with additional finely chopped pretzels and peanuts to garnish. Let stand until chocolate is set.

Tip:

Store the baked cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one week, or in the freezer for up to one month.

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Making cookies and delivering them once a month is a present that may inspire others to make the world a better place. GEORGE DOYLE/STOCKBYTE/THINKSTOCK

Inspire others with green gift options



Instead of careening madly around stores, desperately purchasing gifts this holiday

season (translation: Possibly useless stuff that is not needed or wanted), make the getting and giving of gifts green this year.

The green present is one that inspires people to live

healthier lives, makes the world a better place, supports good people and companies, doesn't contribute excess litter and waste, and makes your getters very happy.

To help you in your quest to give the perfect green gifts, here are some great ideas for the holiday season:

SHARE YOUR OWN GIFTS

Make something (cookies? bread?) and deliver it once a month. Offer up what you are good at (babysitting? handiwork?) and give as a gift certificate. You can even collect your favourite recipes and put them into a recipe box.

GIFTS THAT ARE INDULGENT (BUT NOT REALLY!)

Why not give an organic hot/cold therapy pillow, or fair trade chocolate, coffee, or tea?

GIVE A GIFT THAT'S NOT A THING

Give a membership to a

museum or art gallery, or a night out at the movies, a tree to plant, a weekend away, tickets to a concert, or a donation to a favourite charity.

GIVE GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

Reusable water bottles (not plastic!) and reusable grocery bags make great gifts.

Or you can even send local weekly fruit and vegetable boxes.

BE CREATIVE

Use reusable containers or bags to package. Use old newspapers, magazines or comics to wrap. Use scarves, bandanas, belts or shoelaces to tie. Use fresh herbs, old buttons or cut-up textiles to adorn.



AND HINTS FOR THE DAY AFTER ...

Wrapping paper and ribbon from others: Re-use.

The big pile of holiday cards from everyone: Recreate (make them into note cards).

Unneeded and unwanted stuff: Re-gift.

Family and friends: Remind them that next year they can do what you have done so well this year.

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NHL lockout

No progress after mediation

Two days of mediation was unable to push the NHL and NHL Players' Association closer to a new collective bargaining agreement.

No progress was reported after a series of meetings with U.S. federal mediators Scot L. Beckenbaugh and John Sweeney in Woodbridge, N.J.

"After spending several hours with both sides over two days, the presiding mediators concluded that the parties remained far apart, and that no progress toward a resolution could be made through further mediation at this point in time," deputy commissioner Bill Daly said Thursday in a statement.

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NHL

Wild goalie diagnosed with multiple sclerosis

Minnesota Wild goalie Josh Harding has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

The Wild confirmed Thursday that Harding is undergoing treatment for the disease, which attacks the body's immune system and affects the central nervous system.

The 28-year-old Harding told the Minneapolis Star Tribune he plans to keep playing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Josh Harding

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Coyotes captain Shane Doan sent out word that there would be a mini-camp this week, luring players to Scottsdale, Ariz. About 30 players showed up to work out and play in scrimmages simulating game speed. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Arizona an oasis for locked-out NHLers

Looking for action.

Players from across North America descend on star-studded scrimmages in desert

Phoenix Coyotes goalie Mike Smith lowered into a crouch as the odd-man rush developed in front of him.

The puck went to the left wing and he followed, lodging his skate against the post. A touch pass sent the puck across the front of Smith's crease and he slid over in a flash, whipping his right pad out for a sprawling save, setting off a collective "Oh!" from fans lining the glass behind him.

Quoted

"It just picks up the competitiveness and everyone wants to prove that they're capable of playing and it's a lot of fun."

Phoenix Coyotes captain Shane Doan

NHL players on the ice, competing hard, fans cheering them on — it almost felt like a real game.

Of course, it was only a scrimmage in front of a couple hundred people at the Coyotes' practice facility, but as the NHL lockout drags on, fans — and the players — will take anything they can get.

"This is awesome," said Jane Pittet of Scottsdale, Ariz., who left work to catch Thursday's workout at the Ice Den. "I wish it were the real thing,

but this is fun to watch."

The Phoenix Coyotes have been holding informal workouts at their practice rink since the lockout started and this week were joined by more than a dozen players from around the league.

Pittsburgh star Sidney Crosby, San Jose forward Patrick Marleau, Buffalo goalie Ryan Miller and Dallas forward Brendan Morrow all made the trip to the desert to skate with the Coyotes.

It was a chance to step

up in competition and play against someone other than their teammates.

"It was fun to be out there and, OK, I've actually got to stop this puck," Miller said. "I kind of tried to pretend I was back in front of the home crowd and had to make a stop, so it was good."

The Coyotes have had good turnouts for their player-organized workouts, skating with a dozen or so players who haven't gone to play overseas or in the AHL, while a handful of players from other teams have occasionally joined in.

Crosby helped organize a couple of gatherings in Dallas and Vail, Colo., and the group headed to Arizona this week to join the Coyotes.

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Buehrle won't be bullied by pit bull ban



New Blue Jays pitcher Mark Buehrle delivers a pitch against the Washington Nationals on Sept. 8. NED DISHMAN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Mark Buehrle, one of the newest Blue Jays and a proud pit bull owner, says he will add his voice to those calling for an end to Ontario's seven-year ban of the allegedly dangerous pets.

"I think it's a discriminatory law," Buehrle said Thursday via conference call, adding that he and his wife, Jamie, have already made contact with advocacy groups in Ontario. "We are big spokesmen of it and we're trying to do what we can do to try to help other people out."

Acquired by the Jays this month in a 12-player trade with the Miami Marlins, Buehrle has yet to arrive in the city and may not even end up living here.

Quoted

"Trust me, I will be behind him every step of the way."

Toronto NDP MPP Cheri Di Novo, who has been leading the fight against the pit bull ban

But when he gets to Toronto next season, his impact could extend far beyond what he does on the pitching mound.

The movement to repeal Ontario's controversial prohibition of pit bull-type dogs has gained momentum in recent years as it inches closer and closer to its goal. Buehrle's celebrity endorsement could be

Changing stances

Bill 16, a private member's bill to repeal the ban, passed second reading in legislature but was denied by the governing Liberals.

- Ohio removed pit bulls from their definition of "vicious" dogs in May, the Netherlands repealed their 15-year ban in 2009, Vancouver in 2005 and Delta, B.C., in 2011.

what the campaign needs to succeed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

4 SPORTS

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	10	3	.769	—
Brooklyn	10	4	.714	1/2
New York	10	4	.714	1/2
Milwaukee	7	6	.538	2/2
Atlanta	9	4	.692	1/2
Philadelphia	9	6	.600	1/2
Boston	8	7	.533	2/2
Chicago	7	7	.500	3
Charlotte	7	7	.500	3
Indiana	7	8	.467	3/2
Orlando	5	9	.357	5
Detroit	5	11	.313	6
Cleveland	3	12	.200	7/2
Toronto	3	13	.188	8
Washington	1	12	.077	8/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	11	2	.846	1/2
San Antonio	13	3	.813	—
Oklahoma City	12	4	.750	1
L.A. Clippers	9	6	.600	3/2
Golden State	8	6	.571	4
Utah	9	7	.563	4
Denver	8	7	.533	4/2
L.A. Lakers	7	8	.467	5/2
Houston	7	8	.467	5/2
Dallas	7	9	.438	6
Phoenix	7	9	.438	6
Minnesota	6	8	.429	6
Portland	6	9	.400	6/2
Sacramento	4	10	.286	8
New Orleans	4	10	.286	8
Division leaders ranked in top four positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs				

Thursday's results

San Antonio at Miami

Denver at Golden State

Wednesday's results

San Antonio 110 Orlando 89

Washington 84 Portland 82

Detroit 117 Phoenix 77

Brooklyn 95 Boston 83

Atlanta 94 Charlotte 91

Chicago 101 Dallas 78

Memphis 103 Toronto 82

New York 102 Milwaukee 88

Oklahoma City 120 Houston 98

Utah 96 New Orleans 84

L.A. Clippers 101 Minnesota 95

Friday's games — All Times Eastern

Phoenix at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Brooklyn at Orlando, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Portland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Detroit at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Utah at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Indiana at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

Portland at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Brooklyn at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Utah at Houston, 8 p.m.

Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

Boston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Detroit at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Indiana at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's games

Phoenix at New York, 12 p.m.

Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NBA SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	15	138	108	416	27.7
Durant, OKL	16	138	124	426	26.6
Anthony, NYK	14	130	79	371	26.5
James, Mia	12	129	51	327	25.2
Harden, Hou	15	110	118	368	24.5
Westbrook, OKL	16	120	70	331	20.7
Aldridge, POR	14	115	55	285	20.4
Bosh, Mia	13	94	73	263	20.2
Mayo, Dal	16	109	55	316	19.8
Pierce, Bos	15	93	81	295	19.7
Gay, Mem	13	95	42	250	19.2
Lillard, POR	15	100	49	287	19.1
Ellis, Mil	13	95	47	246	18.9
Lopez, Bro	14	111	37	259	18.5
Holiday, Phi	15	107	45	278	18.5
Curry, GOS	14	87	50	257	18.4
Duncan, SA	16	118	57	295	18.4
DeRozan, TOR	16	108	66	290	18.1
Batum, Por	15	93	43	269	17.9
Howard, LAL	15	97	75	269	17.9
Bargnani, TOR	15	99	45	268	17.9
Deng, Chi	14	94	45	246	17.6
Crawford, LAC	15	84	65	263	17.5
Parker, SA	15	110	33	259	17.3
Randolph, Mem	13	87	46	220	16.9
Anderson, NO	14	90	10	237	16.9
Griffin, LAC	15	103	47	253	16.9
Matthews, Por	15	89	39	252	16.8
Jennings, Mil	13	84	29	216	16.6
Jefferson, Uta	16	111	42	265	16.6
Sessions, Cha	14	74	76	231	16.5
Monroe, Det	16	104	56	264	16.5
West, Ind	15	100	48	248	16.5
Paul, LAC	15	84	66	248	16.5
Walker, Cha	14	83	56	231	16.5
Cousins, Sac	12	82	32	197	16.4
Lee, GOS	14	97	36	230	16.4
Williams, Bro	14	74	57	225	16.3
Horford, Atl	12	86	20	192	16.0
Garnett, Bos	15	95	48	238	15.9
Martin, Okl	16	73	67	252	15.8
Dragic, Phi	16	86	54	253	15.8
Parsons, Hou	14	81	25	220	15.7
Gasol, Mem	13	68	65	201	15.5
Afflalo, Orl	14	84	30	215	15.4
Johnson, Bro	14	79	32	215	15.4
Igudala, Den	15	89	29	229	15.3
Smith, Atl	12	82	17	184	15.3
Gallinari, Den	14	73	48	212	15.1
Ibaka, Okl	16	100	37	240	15.0

RAPTORS STATISTICS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
DeRozan	16	108	66	290	18.1
Bargnani	15	99	45	268	17.9
Lowry	10	53	40	165	16.5
Calderon	16	59	19	167	10.4
Valanciunas	16	59	30	148	9.3
Anderson	6	14	8	44	7.3
Kleiza	10	25	17	72	7.2
Johnson	16	38	24	101	6.3
Davis	16	37	21	95	5.9
Ross	14	34	0	78	5.6
Lucas	13	15	4	42	3.2
Fields	5	5	2	12	2.4
Acy	3	1	5	7	2.3
McGuire	15	15	2	32	2.1
Gray	8	6	2	14	1.8

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Saturday's game — All Times Eastern
Houston vs. Los Angeles, 4:30 p.m.

NBA

SPORTS

GOLF

PGA WORLD CHALLENGE

At Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Par 72

First Round

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	PT
Nick Watney	35-32-67							
Keegan Bradley	34-35-69							
Graeme McDowell	36-33-69							
Jim Furyk	37-32-69							
Bo Van Pelt	36-34-70							
Tiger Woods	34-36-70							
Webb Simpson	35-36-71							
Jason Day	35-36-71							
Hunter Mahan	34-37-71							
Bubba Watson	37-34-71							
Matt Kuchar	38-35-73							
Jason Dufner	39-34-73							
Rickie Fowler	38-34-73							
Steve Stricker	39-34-73							
Ian Poulter	38-35-73							
Dustin Johnson	37-37-74							
Zach Johnson	36-39-75							
Brandt Snedeker	38-35-75							

NEUBANK GOLF CHALLENGE

At Sun City, South Africa

Par 72

First Round

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	PT
Bill Haas, United States	36-34-70							
Paul Lawrie, Scotland	35-36-71							
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	37-34-71							
Lee Westwood, England	36-35-72							
Peter Hanson, Sweden	35-37-72							
Martin Kaymer, Germany	37-35-72							
Francesco Molinari, Italy	37-35-72							
Carl Pettersson, Sweden	35-37-72							
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	35-37-72							
Justin Rose, England	35-38-73							
Garth Mulroy, South Africa	35-38-73							

PGA TOUR Q-SCHOOL SCORES

At La Quinta, Calif.

Par 72

Second Round

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	PT
Meen Whee Kim	68n-63n-131							
Vaughn Taylor	68s-64n-132							

Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Life is good and getting better by the moment but for some strange reason you seem to be fearing the worst at the moment. Don't worry, whatever disaster you think is lurking round the next corner will fail to materialize.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Steer clear of disputes and disagreements that have nothing directly to do with you. If you allow yourself to be dragged in by one side or the other you may never get out again — and you'll lose friends on both sides.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You have worked hard to get to your present position in life, so don't feel guilty just because not everyone hasn't been as fortunate as you. Lady Luck smiles most on those who deserve it — and you do.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

An opportunity to get on in the world will arrive out of the blue today or over the weekend. It could mean a promotion but it could also mean that you pack a bag and travel to some exotic land.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You have accomplished a lot this year but you know you are capable of more, so step up a gear and let the world know what a special individual you are. The planets will do something to give you a push today.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You need to get over the idea that everyone sees the world the same way as you. If nothing else, it puts you at a disadvantage by making it hard for you to take on board other people's insights and discoveries.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You must find time in your busy schedule to let partners and loved ones know how much you care for them. On the home front, especially, you seem to have been a bit distant of late. Do some fun things together today.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Don't worry if certain people seem less than enthusiastic about your plans because most likely they are jealous and want to see you fail. You won't, of course. You'll succeed brilliantly and won't let them forget it.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you do small favours for other people now, they will do big favours for you later on. So, make an effort and make friends with those you interact with both personally and professionally. You may need their help soon.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

An opportunity to move up in the world will come your way today and you must grab it with both hands. It will certainly mean more work and more responsibility but since when have you been a stranger to those?

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You need to make amends for something you did or something you said a while back. It may not have been your intention to be hurtful but the fact is you were and egos can be such fragile things.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Make sure you get the respect you deserve from those you work with. Sometimes you can be a bit too easygoing for your own good but today you really must put your own needs first.

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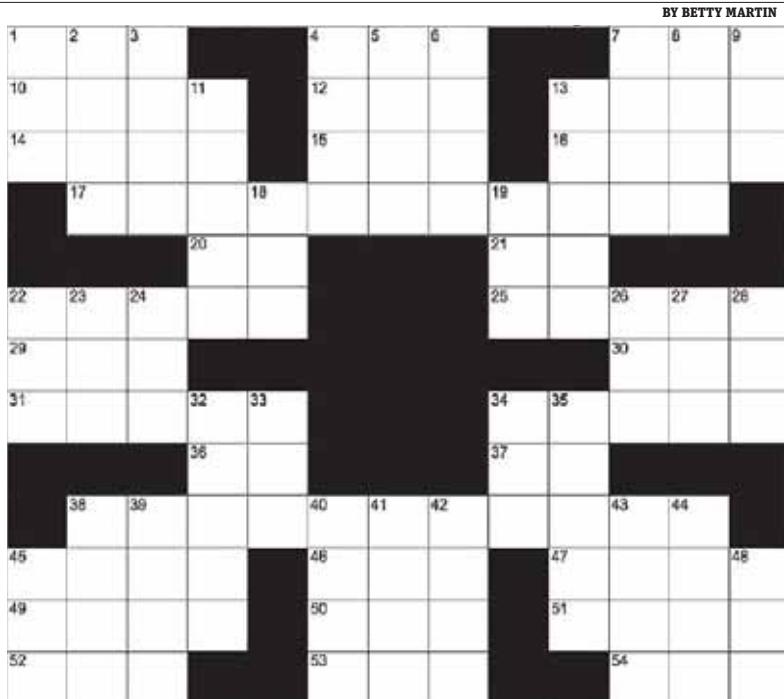
Crossword

Across

1. Request
4. Wise old bird
7. Alice spin-off
10. Ogle
12. Prior to
13. "A Simple —"
14. Courtroom bargain
15. Plural suffix
16. Flying (prefix)
17. Novice workers
20. "That is" Latin abbr.
21. Gone with the Wind actress Olivia - Haviland
22. Tons
25. Emmy cousin
29. Time Warner cable network (abbr.)
30. Casual greeting
31. Sour
34. Frighten away
36. He played "Dirty Harry" (init.)
37. Ready - Not
38. One who finishes hair (2 words)
45. West Germany capital
46. Yes, to Angus
47. Only
49. Eager
50. Late night weekend skit show (init.)
51. Predecessor of Johnny Carson
52. Microsoft internet site (abbr.)
53. Predatory fish
54. Resort

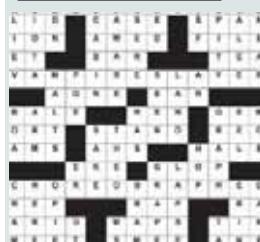
Down

1. Swiss mountain
2. Actress Ward of Once and Again
3. Save for oneself
4. Sheriff Taylor's son
5. Songbird
6. — We Forget
7. On the lam
8. Phyllis' never seen husband on Mary Tyler Moore
9. Mrs. John Lennon
11. Speedy
13. Walks back and forth
18. Telephone book listing (abbr.)
19. Wedding vows
22. — Na Na
23. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (abbr.)
24. Agency of Record (abbr.)



26. Part of a Dancing with the Stars dance
40. Envelope abbr.
41. Actress Daly of Judging Amy
42. Scream
43. Oceans
44. Ensnare
45. Emeril's favourite expression
48. Time frame

Yesterday's Crossword



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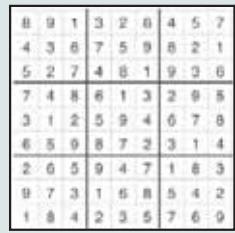
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Yesterday's Sudoku



5	7	4	8
9	5		
8	9		2 7
4	5	7	1
7			4
2	1	9	8
5	1		3 8
8	6		
6	3	1	9

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Gold Bars | Buy Price

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